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Defeat of Congressional Standpat-
ters.

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BY WILLIAM E. CURTIS.
Written for The Star and the Chicago Record.
Herald.

The tariff commissioners sent over to Ger-
many to find a basis for a reciprocity
treaty to go into effect on the 1st of
July next, when the existing provisional ar-
rangement between the two countries ex-
pires, have reported to the Secretary of
State that they are entirely satisfied with
their reception and with the progress they
are making. But, even if they should
find a basis for such a treaty, there is no
prospect of its ratification by the Senate
of the United States, and Secretary Root
will not place himself in the awkward po-
sition of negotiating a convention that
will not be ratified. If he could get any
assurance from the Senate committee on
foreign relations and finance that they
would recommend ratification, or if a test
vote could be taken on a resolution in-
structing him to enter into a convention
with Germany, it might be safe for him
to undertake negotiations; and the Presi-
dent would then call an extra session of
the Sixteenth Congress to consider that par-
ticular treaty and to thrust upon it a com-
mercial policy for the government of the
United States. We have no commercial
policy now so far as our foreign relations
are concerned.

Both the President and Secretary Root
believe that the best way to revise the
tariff is by means of a reciprocity treaty
under which we can make tariff concessions
in favor of the products of countries that
will make equivalent concessions in favor
of our products. Instead of arbitrary
reductions for the benefit of all concerned,
our commercial foes as well as our com-
mercial friends.

That was the policy advocated by Presi-
dent Arthur and inaugurated by him in
1881 when he sent a commission to every
other American republic to initiate a series
of uniform treaties, admitting free or giv-
ing low rates of duty upon all raw ma-
terials and other articles needed in this
country without sacrificing the protection
required by our manufacturers. We might
improve and increase our commerce by
conferring with the majority leaders at both
ends of the Capitol and find Mr. Ald-
rich, Mr. Dailzell, and other senators and
representatives of the country who are
opposed to "monkeying with the tariff"
and ridiculing the reciprocity idea as
economic free traders, and we could get
gentlemen, and Speaker Cannon is with
them, will not yield an inch. They have
decided to "stand pat," as a leader of the
non-reciprocity faction has said. They will
renew those ancient and chronic promises
that when the proper time comes the tariff
will be reduced by their friends. They
at the warning they received at the late
elections, although half the present repub-
lican majority in the House of Representa-
tives were wiped out, and a repetition of the
vote of November 6 will give the democrats
control of the next Congress.

The only republican districts in which a
fight was made directly for the reciprocity
issue were the second Minnesota and the
seventh Iowa, in which Representatives Mc-
Cleary and Lacey were defeated. Both of
them were good men, exemplary representa-
tives. But, for some reason, both became
raid "standpaters," and have been espe-
cially active in opposition to the recip-
rocity idea. In 1904 McCleary was elected
by 9,000 majority and Lacey by 7,000.
In 1906 both were defeated chiefly because
of the opposition to reciprocity. Reciprocity
was a very narrow escape, although two
years ago he floated into the House on a
majority of 15,000.

It would not be strange if the "standpat-
ters" would wake up on the morning after
election in 1908 and discover that the
friends of the tariff had lost their opportu-
nity to revise it.

Defeat of Standpaters.

There has been change in the situation
regarding our foreign relations. Not long
ago we were seeking concessions from sev-
eral countries so as to secure a better
market for our products. Now we have
got to beg for concessions in order to keep
what little market we've got and will be
compelled to make concessions ourselves
in order to keep the trade. We have set an example
to the rest of the world in the way of
building high tariff walls and have no right
to grumble if they imitate our example. The
Russian minister of finance, Stolypin, said
that they were "simply imitating an old
Yankee trick." Not only Russia, but other
nations, are putting up the bars against
our goods, and we have got to pay a high
price to get them down again.

Secretary Root has explained this situa-
tion to members of both the House and
Senate committees and has warned them
that unless some action is taken by Con-
gress to modify our tariff schedules and
regulations, other countries will retaliate
by adopting prohibitive rates and regula-
tions on American products. Whenever our
government complains of discriminating
rates or embarrassing regulations, it is al-
ways reminded of our own policy in such
matters. Every European government
would be willing to make valuable con-
cessions in our favor, but they naturally
insist as a condition precedent that the
United States should first show a concili-
atory disposition and modify its own rates
and regulations. Unless we do so, it is
useless for us to try to secure any favors
for our farmers and manufacturers in for-
eign markets. European nations are put-
ting up their tariff rates all the time and
then reduce them in special cases where
our commercial interests are made in favor
of their peculiar products.

That is the situation in Germany, and
Mr. Root will attempt to relieve it un-
less he receives the authority of Congress
or some assurance that the treaty will be
ratified.

Germany's Two Schedules.

Germany has recently adopted a new tar-
iff, in which there are two schedules of
duties upon all articles. The maximum
rates are imposed upon merchandise from
countries with which Germany has no
treaties. The minimum rates are imposed
upon imports from countries which have
made equivalent concessions in favor of
German products. The difference in the
maximum and minimum rates is very great,
as will be seen by the following compari-
son:

	Maximum	Minimum
Rye	47.00	33.00
Wheat	7.50	5.50
Barley	1.00	0.50
Beans	4.00	2.50
Potatoes	1.00	0.50
Hops	70.00	20.00
Vegetables	20.00	free
Melons and tomatoes	20.00	free
Cauliflower, onions, etc.	20.00	free
Potatoes	10.00	free
Grapes	20.00	10.00
Apples, pears, etc.	2.50	2.00
Unsalted sugar	12.00	10.00
Peaches	8.00	2.00
Berries	500	free

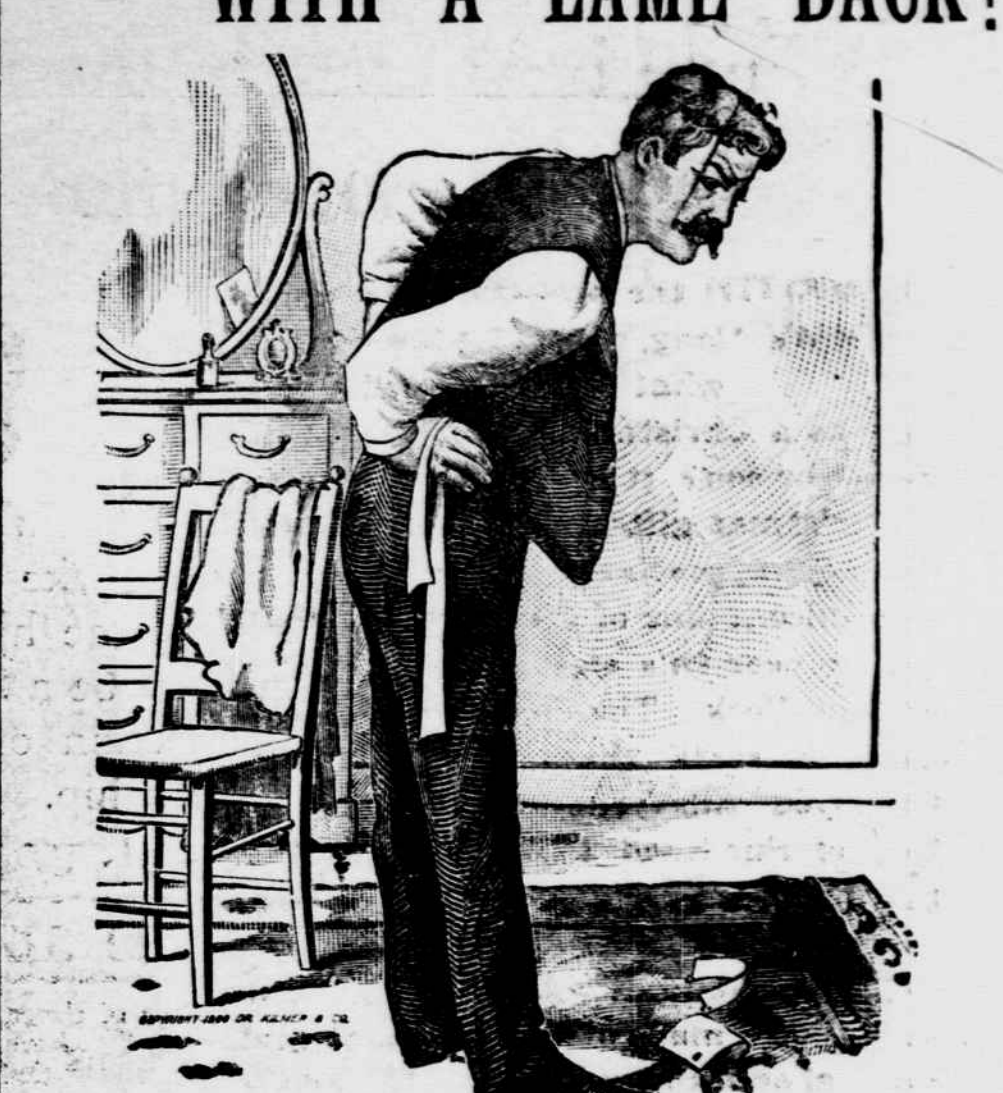
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